

**Abstract of the Disclosure**

A slide nut includes a nut body defining a first bore extending axially therethrough for receiving the threaded shaft or rod and a second bore extending radially inward from the outer surface, through the first bore, and terminating at an end surface disposed intermediate the first bore and the outer surface. The second bore has first and second end segments and an intermediate segment disposed therebetween, the intermediate and first end segments forming a stop. A thumb piece disposed in the second bore has actuator and operator segments defining a stop. The operator segment is disposed in the intermediate segment and the operator segment extends from the operator segment through the first end segment to an outer end. An aperture in the actuator segment is in general registry with the first bore of the nut body. The aperture extends from a first end proximate to the operator segment to a threaded second end longitudinally spaced from the first end. A spring disposed within the intermediate segment of the nut body second bore biases the thumb piece away from the end of the second bore.